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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 14000.8.1.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
	Hugh S. West, Jr., et al.)
Serial No.:	10/786,186)
Filed:	February 25, 2004) Art Unit
Confirmation No.:	2078) 3733
For:	SUTURE SEPARATION AND ORGANIZATION DEVICES FOR USE WITH GRAFT TENSIONING DEVICE)
Examiner:	Annette R. Reimers)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following to be filed in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single disclosed species, including an election of a single sub-species to be examined along with the elected species. The Examiner has identified the species as follows:

- Species I. Draft Tensioning Device (Species)
 - A. Figure 1
 - B. Figure 4

Species II. Separation and Organization Device (Subspecies)

- A. Figures 7-7A
- B. Figures 9-9B
- C. Figure 10

The Applicants hereby elect Species I.B., of Figure 4 with traverse, and Species II.B, of Figures 9-9B without traverse. Because none of the claims differentiate between Species I.A and I.B, Applicants traverse this aspect of the Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1, 7-14, 16, 17 and 20 are either generic to or specifically read on the elected species. Claims 2-6 and 15 read on a non-elected species and are therefore withdrawn from consideration at this time. Nevertheless, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request rejoinder and allowance of claims 2-6 and 15.

In the event the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this communication, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 17th day of November 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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